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**Proportion not Perfection**  
progressing practice for positive progress

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Coming up

- Context
- AC<sup>erm</sup> project
  - headline findings
  - two strategic findings
- Tactics for moving forward
- Conclusions





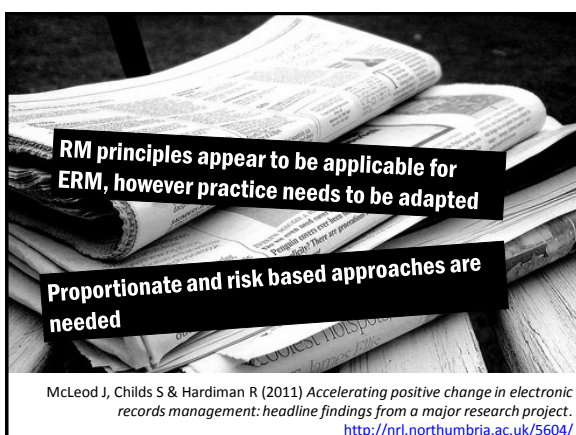
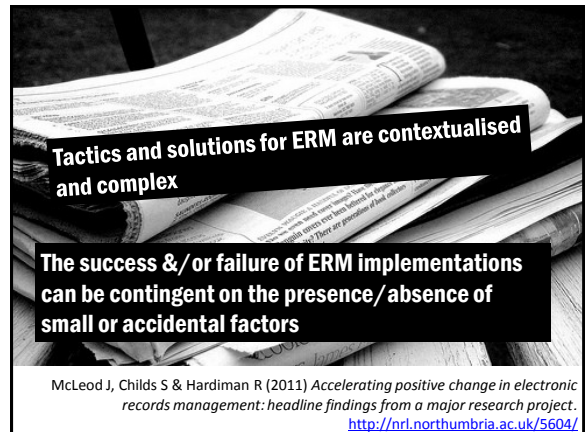
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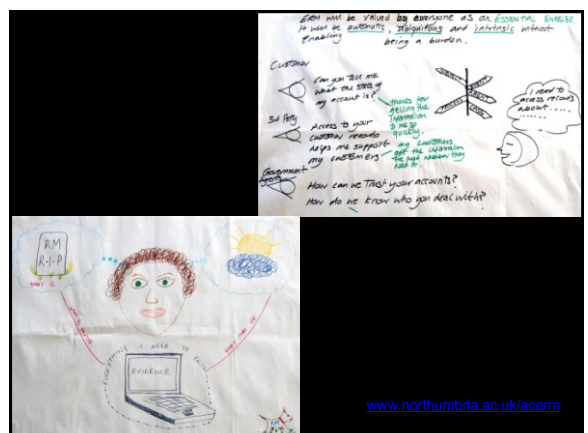


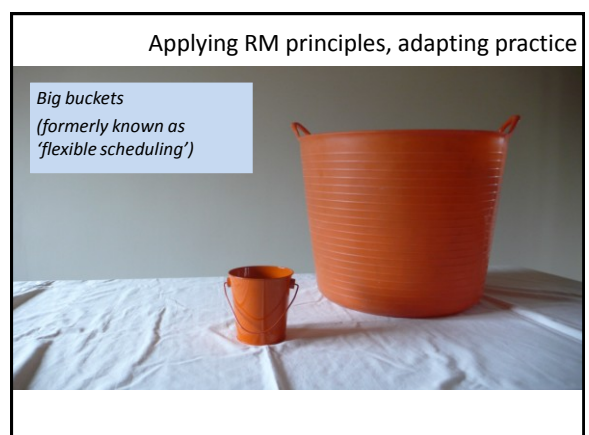
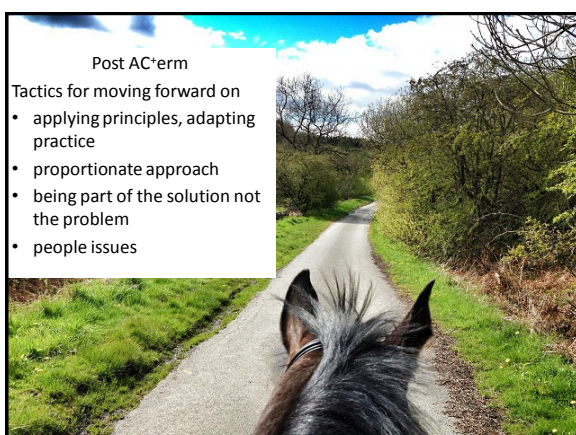
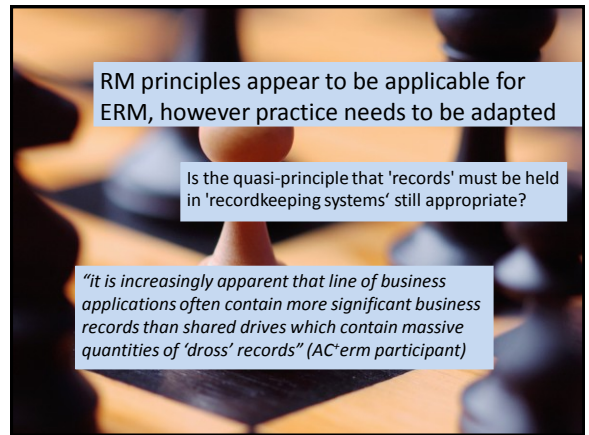
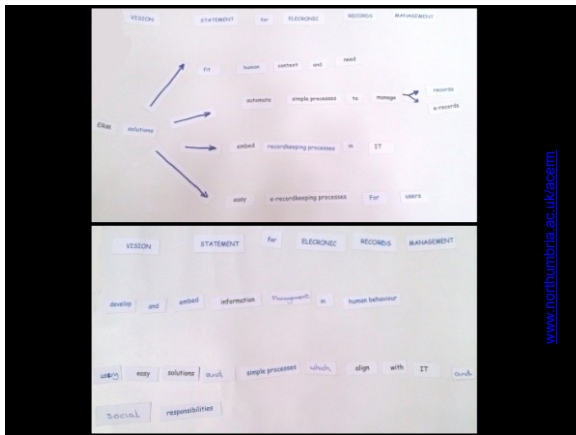
**AC**celerating the pace of +positive change  
in erm (AC<sup>erm</sup>)

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Applying RM principles, adapting practice



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### Applying RM principles, adapting practice

Big buckets  
(formerly known as  
'flexible scheduling')



### Proportionate & risk based approach

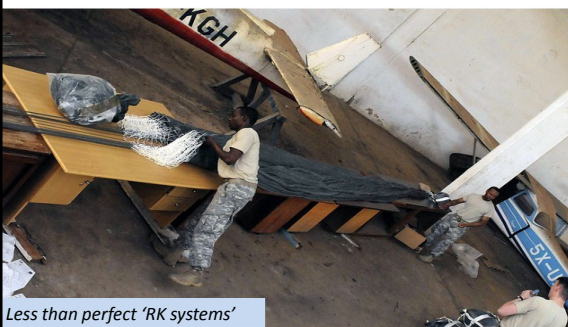
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"A good battle plan that you act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow"

General George S. Patton

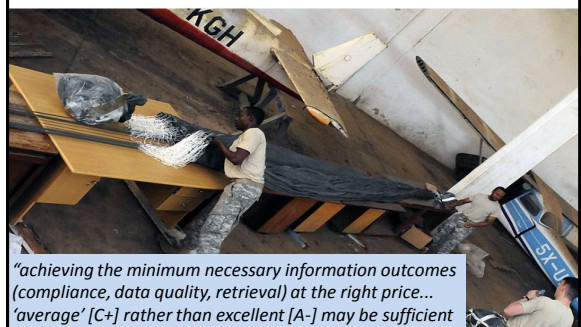
"Le mieux est l'ennemi du bien"  
Voltaire, La Bégueule, 1772

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Less than perfect 'RK systems'

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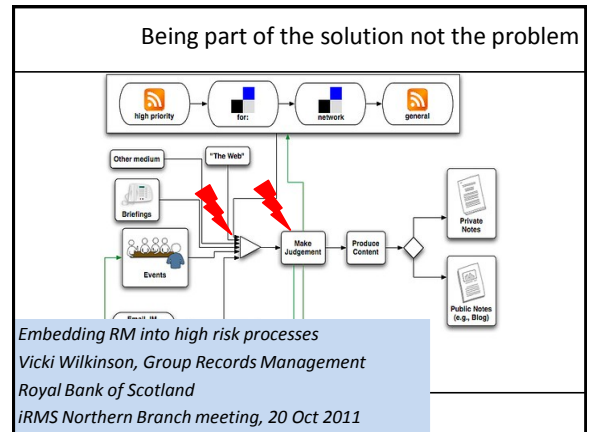


"achieving the minimum necessary information outcomes (compliance, data quality, retrieval) at the right price... 'average' [C+] rather than excellent [A-] may be sufficient or simply necessary" (Anon, 2011)


### Being part of the solution not the problem



The DATUM projects  
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### People issues



...are predominant, fundamental & challenging

### People issues

"The digital transition took out the information middlemen – librarians – a process called disintermediation. This is very much the elephant in the room."

'Disintermediated, decoupled and down'  
Nicholas, *CILIP Update*, Apr 2012



